

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : ABBOTT, *et al.*
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MICROCONTACT PRINTED MOLECULES

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RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT ACCOMPANYING
A REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION

In response to an Office Action mailed July 12, 2006, please amend the above identified application as indicated below. This paper accompanies a Request for Continued Examination and a petition for three months extension of time to reply.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the Listing of Claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 7 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 8 of this paper.

An **Appendix I** containing supporting information accompanies this response following the Remarks/Arguments of this paper.

An **Appendix II** containing the amended drawing figures is attached following Appendix I of this paper.